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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

GWICH'IN STEERING COMMITTEE, et al.,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
)
v.) Case No. 3:20-cv-00204-SLG
)
DAVID BERNHARDT, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
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DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING

Defendants David L. Bernhardt, *et al.*, by and through undersigned counsel, are hereby filing a copy of the “Call for Nominations and Comments for the Coastal Plain Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale” (“Call for Nominations”), (attached as Exhibit 1), which

BLM has placed on file with the Office of the Federal Register for publication in the Federal Register on November 17, 2020. The Call for Nominations seeks nominations and comments on the lease tracts considered for the upcoming Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Lease Sale pursuant to the Record of Decision (“ROD”) signed August 17, 2020 and the procedures set forth at 43 C.F.R. § 3131.2. The ROD adopts an oil and gas leasing program on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain pursuant to Section 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-97, 131 Stat. 2054 (2017).

BLM will receive nominations and comments for a 30-day period. Subsequently, should BLM determine to issue a notice of sale, it will publish such notice in the Federal Register prior to the date of any such sale.

Defendants are filing this Notice to keep the Court and the parties informed concerning developments that may be relevant to Plaintiffs’ claims in the above-captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 16, 2020, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

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